

Reply to Office Action of November 30, 2005

**REONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (Mailed 11/30/2005)**

Date: December 27, 2005

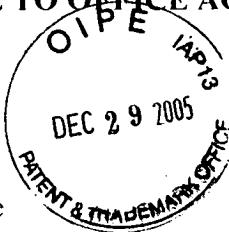
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Examiner: Jeffrey R. West

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Sir:

This document is in reply to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005. The Office Action was a Detailed Action, for Election / Restrictions that cited four restrictions. I read and understand the reasons for the restrictions. In compliance with advice in paragraph 5, I hereby elect to restrict examination of the current application to an invention based on Claim 42. I will prepare and submit the necessary Continuation In Part application within the statutory period. The Continuation will be drawn to a method for assessing the health status of conduits, classified in class 702, subclass 182. I believe the statute allows 90 days for filing the continuation application starting on the day of mailing of your Office Action to this response. I reserve the right to file additional Divisional Applications based on the partitioning the other claims as set forth in the current Office Action. Because of the pending Continuation in Part applications, the Office Action comment in paragraph 3 concerning the improper wording of claim 18 will be addressed when, and if, Claim 18 is included in one of the Divisional Applications.

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Mr. West,

Attached is Mr. Kenneth G. Blemel's response to the Office Action mailed 11/30/2005 regarding App.No. 09/966,397 titled "Embedded System for Diagnostics and Prognostics of Conduits." The signed original will be mailed to:

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